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Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on L. ALBSON (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- ☐ should be closed.
- ☐ witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- ☐ potential witting collaborator; date opened \_\_\_\_\_  
OI Code A2.
- ☐ former witting collaborator (relationship terminated).  
OI Code A3.
- ☐ potential witting collaborator never contacted (security reasons, derogatory information). OI Code A4.
- ☒ counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- ☐ all others. OI Code A6.

Signed

*J. Canoll*  
(name)

*Ops Officer CIRA/CA*  
(title) (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed

*ESL*  
(initials)

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(date)

This document is a permanent part of this file.

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FBI doc.  
(no date)  
Re: Lawson  
(X-ref form)

FBI doc.  
30 Aug. 67 (L.A.)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
LA Field office - 100-21198

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FBI doc.  
13 July 66 (L.A.)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
LA Field office: 100-21198

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FBI doc.

28 Oct 47

(X-ref. form.)

Re: Lawson

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EX - 786

5 December 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: "American Defectors to the USSR"

1. The attached material was part of a soft file entitled "American Defectors to the USSR", which was set up by SR/6 (Support) around 1960 and maintained by various SR components until ca. 1963. The compilations were derived from a variety of sources, and contain both classified and overt data.
2. In the fall of 1966, the files were turned over to CI Staff. In most instances, basic information was then abstracted for the US Defector Machine Program. In all instances in which the material was unique, or represented a valuable collation effort, it has been incorporated into the appropriate 201 file, along with a copy of this memorandum.
3. It is suggested that any dissemination of this data should be coordinated with SB Division and with CI Staff (CI/MRO), in view of the frequently inadequate sourcing and of the fact that disseminations have already been made through the US Defector Machine Program.

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1 - RMD/FI  
1 - SB/RMO  
1 - CI/R&A/JLBender  
1 - CI/R&A/chrono

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John Howard LAWSON  
DBF 96650  
18 Dec 1961

Subject is in sanitarium located near Moscow, USSR.  
Information was in A letter.

Plans to remain in the Soviet Union for approximately 8 months after  
release from Sanitarium to work with the movie industry.


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DOCUMENT DISPOSITION			
12. CROSS REFERRED TO THIS FILE		13. TRANSFERRED TO 14. FILE NO.	
PERTINENT INFORMATION			
<p>15.</p> <p>LAWSO, JOHN HOWARD 201-005603 SEX M DOB ?</p> <p>CIT USA OCC CINEMA SCRIPT WRITER RESIDENCE - MOSCOW - 63</p> <p>074-006-676/03 SX -05230 28 NOV 63</p> <p>R-6608054029</p> <p>FILE IN 201- <u>5603</u></p>			
16. FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO.			

FORM 887 USE PREVIOUS EDITIONS.

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FBI doc.  
21 May 63 (py)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
NY file: 100-80918

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FBI doc.  
22 Jun. '65 (L.A.)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
L.A. Field Off. - 100-21198

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FBI doc.  
15 July '64 (L.A.)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
L.A. Field Office: 100-21198

FBI doc  
20 Oct 61 (L.A.)  
Re: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
L.A. Field Office - 100-21198

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~~Re: John Howard Lawson~~  
~~December 61 (L.A.)~~  
~~Bufile 100-370750~~

FBI doc

Re: John Howard Lawton  
(?) Dec. '61 (Wash.)  
Profile: Illegible

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Dept. of State  
12 Jan 54  
(X-ref form)  
Re: Rawson, John Howard

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FBI doc.  
25 June 1963 (L.A.)

RE: Mr. and Mrs. John Howard Lawson  
no Bufile given

FBI doc.  
27 Aug. '64  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
(x-ref. form)

FBI doc.  
10 July '63 (LA.)  
RE: Sue Lawson  
Bufile: 100-390999  
Field office (LA): 100-29552

FBI doc.  
15 May 1963 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
no Bufile given

FBI doc.  
6 May 1963 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field Office (LA): 100-21198

FBI doc.  
1 May 1961 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Sue Lawson  
no Bufile given

FBI doc.  
3 July 1951  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
aka: Jacob Levy, Jack Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750

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FBI doc.  
17 Sep. '62 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field Office: 100-21196

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FBI doc.  
10 July '62 (LA)  
RE: Sue Lawson  
Bufile: 100-390999  
Field Office: 100-29552

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FBI doc.  
26 Feb. '62 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
~~Field Office~~ no Bufile given

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FBI doc.  
28 Mar. '62 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field office: 100-21198

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FBI doc.  
18 Dec. 1961 (Wash.)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750

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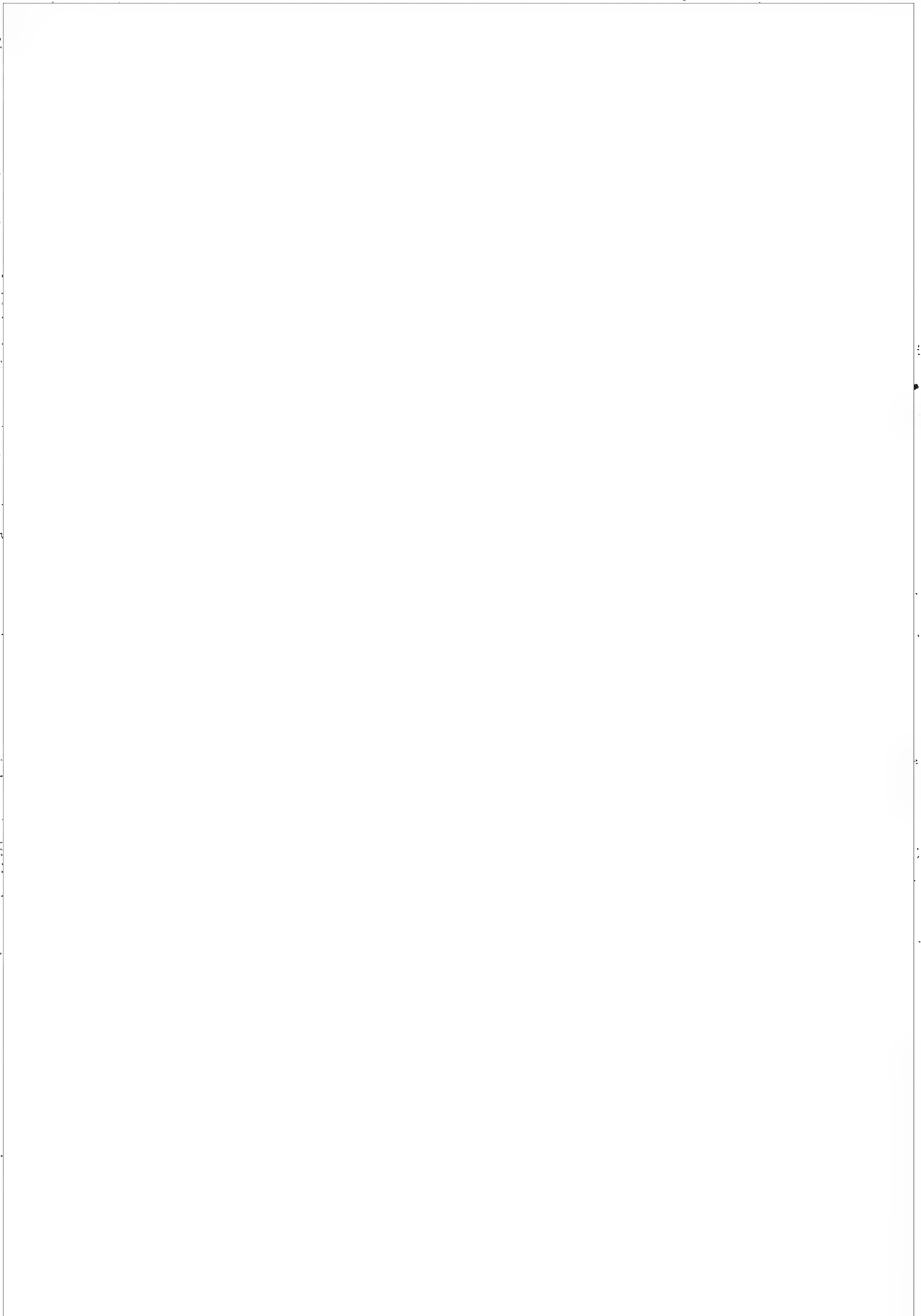
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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

FROM: <del>FF/EE/RE</del> REMontgomery Rm. 2115 L Ext. 2119				COMMENTS
TO	ROOM NO.	DATE		OFFICER'S INITIALS
		RECEIVED	FORWARDED	
1. C/EE/ER				<i>[Signature]</i>
2.				
3. RID/DP		5 JUN 1961		<i>[Signature]</i>
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5. RID/AN		5 JUN 1961		<i>[Signature]</i>
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*Subj: 2nd Hotel Room*

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Dear,

Emma Bess is doing  
the following on Edward  
Arias.

Robert Arias is the  
nephew of son probably  
Lazarus.

Emma probably lives in  
Arias' home in the district of

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FBI doc.  
2 June 1961 (Wash.)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Sue Lawson  
no Bufile given

FBI doc., 11 May '61 (NY)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field office; 100-80918


FBI doc.  
19 April 1961 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field Office: 100-21198

FBI doc.  
12 April 1961 (Wash.)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Sue Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
100-390999

FBI doc.  
30 Jan. '61 (Seattle)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field office: 100-6230

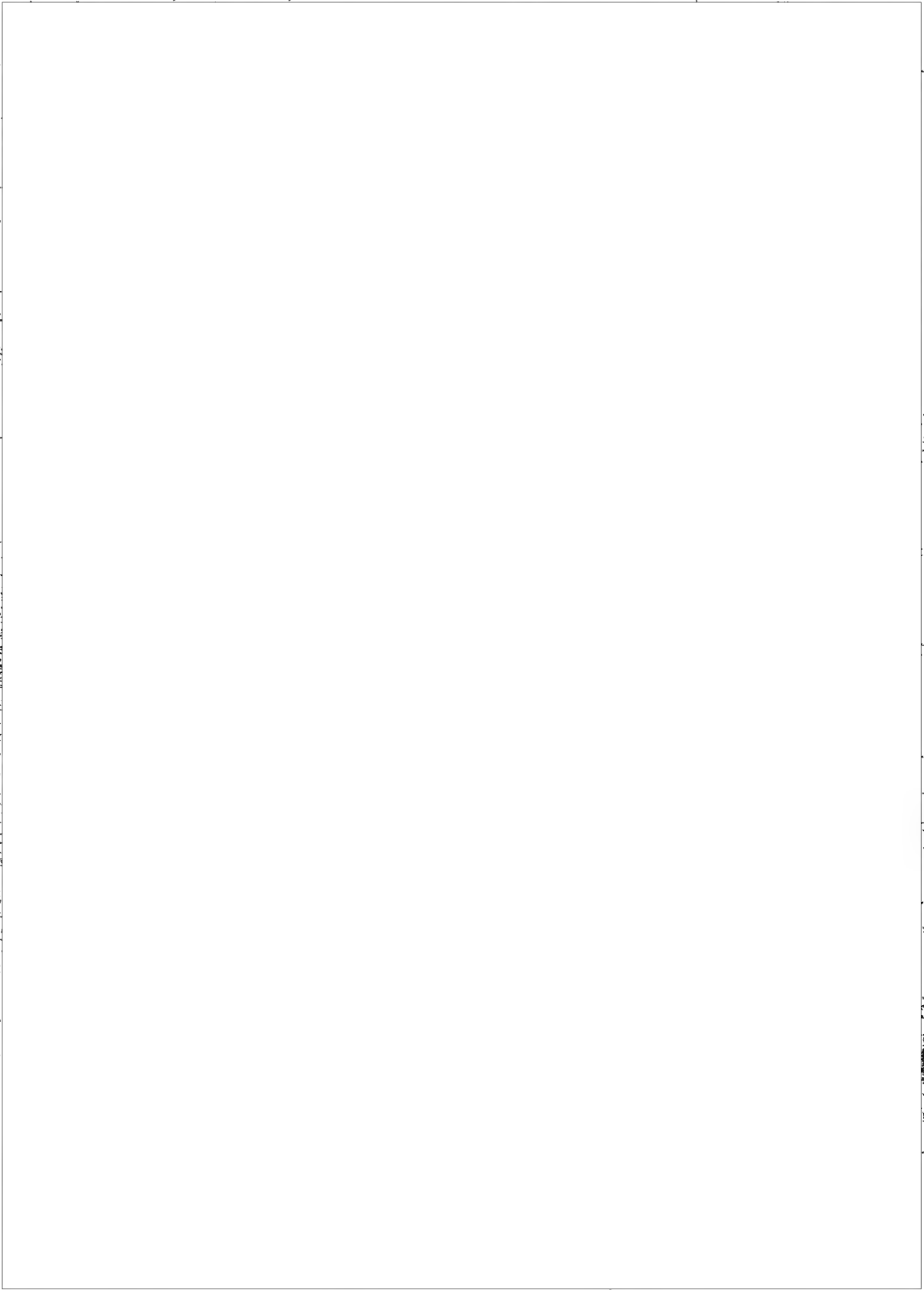
FBI doc.  
27 Sep. '60 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field office: 100-21198

FBI doc.  
28 Oct. '60 (Seattle)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
~~Seattle no Bufile given~~



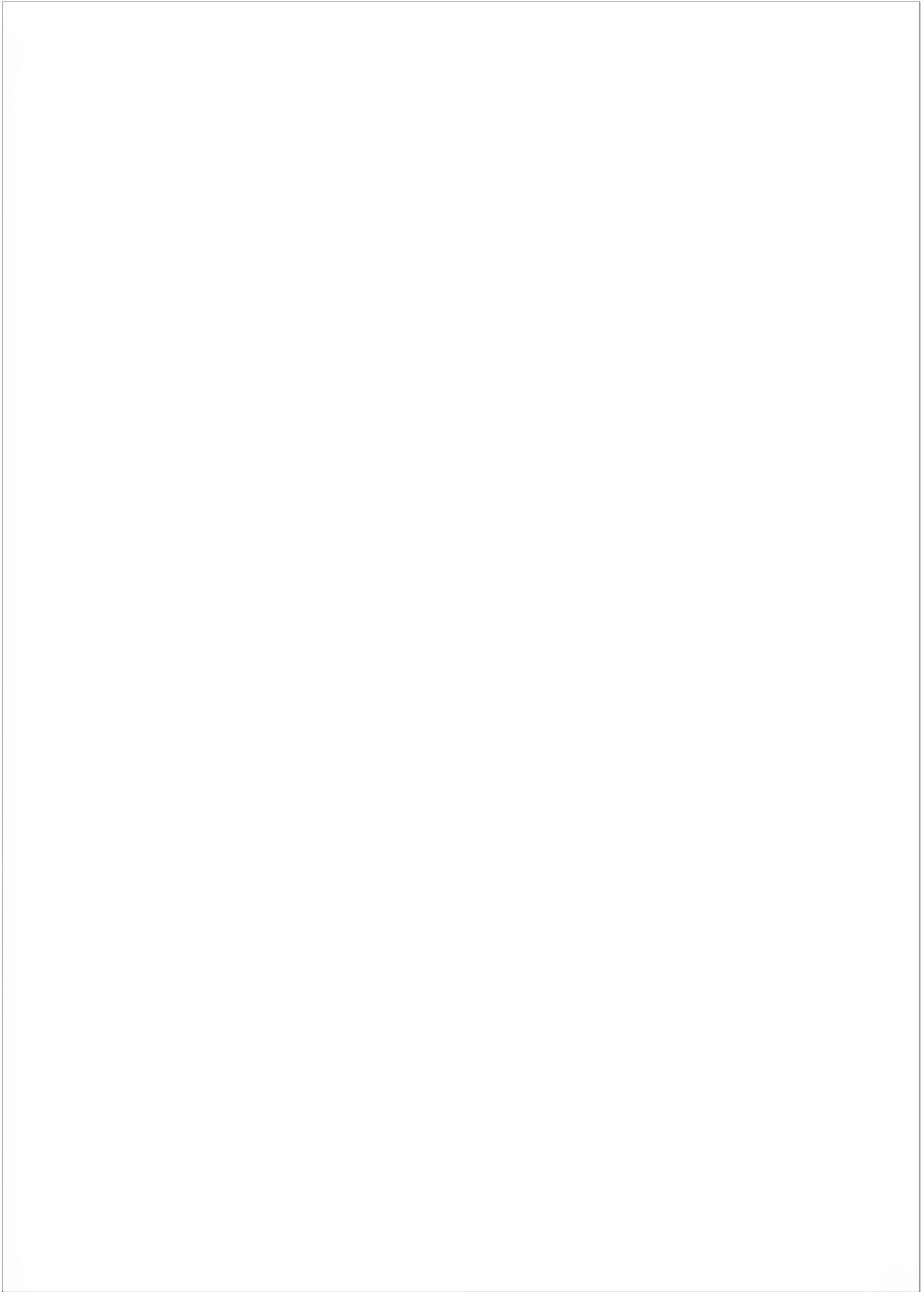
FBI doc.  
27 Sep. 1960 (Wash.)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
Bufile: 100-370750

FBI doc.  
23 Mar. '53 (LA)  
RE: John Howard Lawson  
aka: Jacob Levy, Jack Lawson, "Egg"  
Bufile: 100-370750  
Field office (LA): 100-21198









# RI CROSS-REFERENCE FORM

This cross-reference form is used when a document contains pertinent data on two or more files and sufficient copies of the document are not available for cross-filing.

Station number of document : Counterattack No. 95  
 Date of document : 18 Mar 49  
 Title of document : Counterattacks  
 Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-756  
 Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :  
LAWSON John Howard

P.6 #9 Identified as CP member (card no. 47181) by House UN-American Activities Committee. Dalton Trumbo and John Howard LAWSON have been convicted of contempt and are appealing their jail sentences.

THIS IS ALL THE INFORMATION PERTINENT  
 TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.

**SECRET**

(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.  
27 April '49  
RE: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
World Intellectual for Peace

FBI doc.  
28 Oct. 1947  
RE: LAWSON, J. J. & Howard  
Old FBI Correspondence

FBI doc.  
21 July '52  
RE: LAWSON, J. J. & Howard  
Wasserman, Ursula

FBI doc.  
7 July '52  
RE: Eddie Laine

FBI doc.  
25 June '52  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
6 June '52  
RE: FBI on Leon Sangamon Becker

FBI doc.  
2 June '52  
RE: Herbert Maurice Porter

FBI doc.  
28 May 1952  
RE: Harold Buchman

FBI doc.  
28 May 1952  
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.  
28 May 1952  
RE: Communists Activities in General

FBI doc.  
30 April 1952  
RE: Stuart Schulberg

FBI doc.  
15 April 1952  
RE: Mrs. Frances Nelson

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Station number of document : Counterattacks  
 Date of document : 14 Mar 52  
 Title of document : Counterattacks  
 Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-83  
 Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Why do CP press and the Congress plug Douglas for President? Why is a letter urging a concerted Douglas campaign sent out to hundreds of "liberals like Lewis Mumford, who now opposes Communism though he was once a backer and leader of CP fronts including at least one that openly proclaimed its "communist revolutionary arms?"

// Part of answer is in Douglas record as a Supreme Court Justice. He has dissented when Supreme Court Justice made anti-CP decisions upholding: (a list) Contempt citations of Hollywood screen writers John Howard Lawson and Dalton Trumbo.

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Station number of document Counterattack  
 Date of document 22 Feb 52  
 Title of document Counterattacks  
 Document to be filed in 100-7-31-80  
 Cross-reference form to be filed in 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

P.2 #4 ASHE cited the "Blockade"...a Communist film from start to finish...as just one example. He said he believed Clifford Odets wrote it, though John Howard LAWSON took credit for it.

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 TO THE SUBJECT IN THIS DOCUMENT.

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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.  
21 March '52  
RE: Stefan Heym, was Helmut Flieg

FBI doc.  
12 March 1952  
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.  
12 May 1952  
RE: Communist Activities in General

FBI doc.  
4 Mar. '52  
RE: Otto Nathan

FBI doc.  
15 Feb. '52  
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.  
8 Feb. '52  
RE: Communist Activities in USA General

FBI doc.  
1 Feb. '52  
RE: Communist Activities in USA

FBI doc.  
1 Feb. '52  
RE: Communist activities in the USA

FBI doc.  
23 Jan. '52  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
14 Jan. 1952  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
26 Nov. '51  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
16 Nov. '51  
RE: Communist Activities

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Station number of document	<u>Counterattacks</u>
Date of document	<u>16 Nov 51</u>
Title of document	<u>Counterattack</u>
Document to be filed in	<u>100-7-31-69</u>
Cross-reference form to be filed in	<u>201-5603-NS</u>

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Paul Robeson, Howard Fast, John Howard LAWSON, and Lester Cole were a few of the professed and identified CP members who sponsored or took part in this party demonstration with Downes and Hagen.

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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.  
9 Nov. '51  
RE: Darner, Hanna

FBI doc.  
5 Nov. 1951  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
15 Oct. 1951  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
12 Sep. '51  
RE: Communist Activities in USA

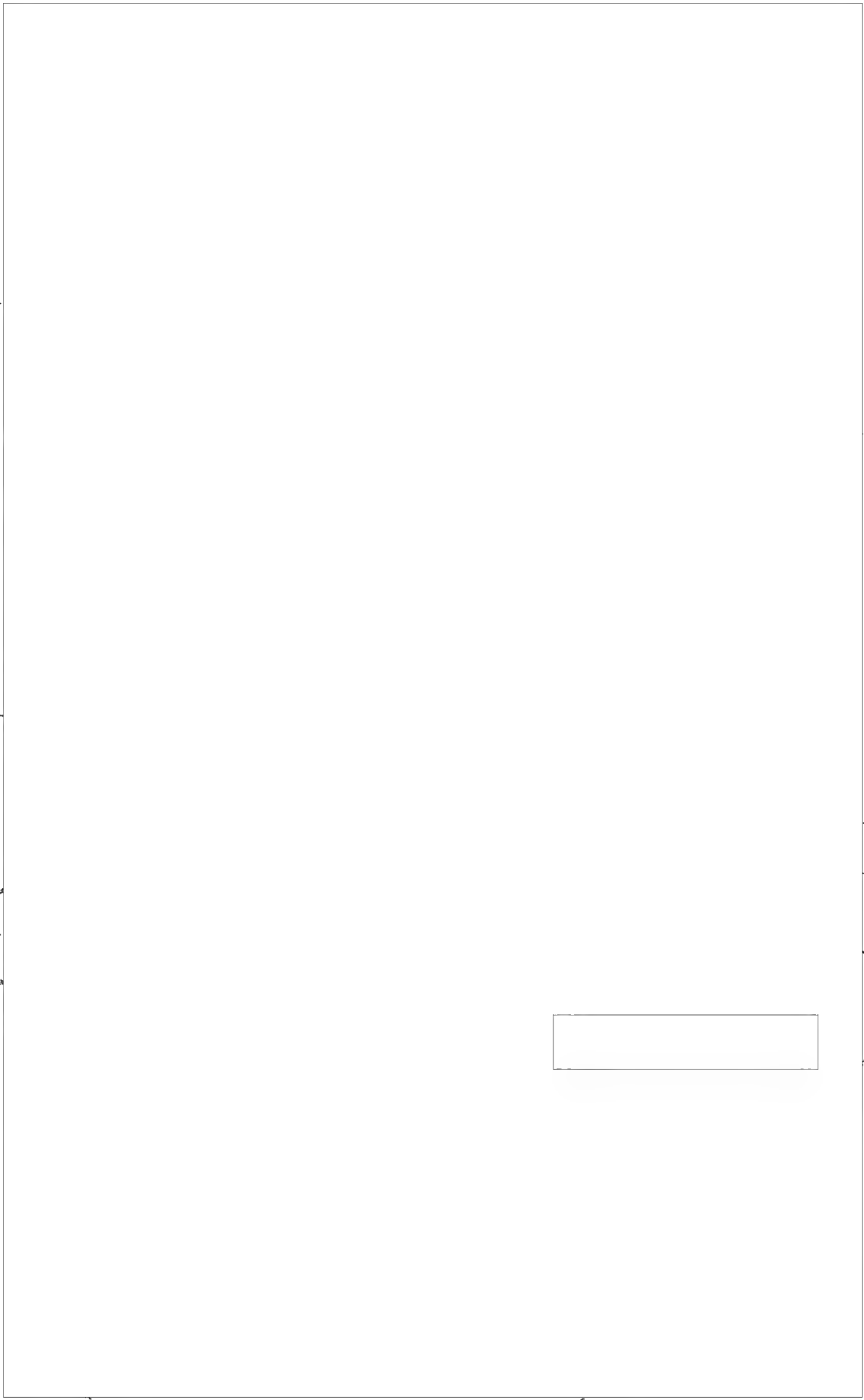
FBI doc.  
10 Sept. '51  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
24 Aug. 51  
  
RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.  
22 Aug. 51  
RE: Communist Activities in US

FBI doc.  
9 Aug. 51  
RE: FBI Information and Requests

FBI doc.  
1 Aug. 51  
RE: Communist Activities in USA



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TRANSMITTAL SLIP		
10 July 1951		
DATE		
TO: Chief, Staff C, OSO		
BUILDING	ROOM NO.	
L	1603	
REMARKS:		
forwarded for your information.		
CVB CVB		
FROM: Chief, Security Division, I&SO		
BUILDING	ROOM NO.	EXTENSION
I	2052	736
FORM NO. 38-8 SEP 1946		

(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.

2 Jul. '51

RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.

8 June 51

RE: Misha Altman

FBI doc.

24 May 1951

RE: Communist Activities in USA - General

FBI doc.

24 May '51

RE: Communist Activities in Latin America

FBI doc.

31 Mar. '51

RE: Telepress

Dept. of State doc.

A-327

22 Mar. '51

~~24 Mar. '51~~

RE: Peter Viertel, et al

FBI doc.

2 Mar. 51

RE: Peter Viertel

FBI doc.

14 Nov. '50

RE: Gustaf Gilbert

FBI doc.

15 Aug. 50

RE: Gustave Gilbert, was.

FBI doc.

27 Jul. '50

RE: Varian Russel Robert Show, was.

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Station number of document : Counterattack

Date of document : 7 Jul 50

Title of document : Counterattack

Document to be filed in : 100-7-31-25

Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :  
LAWSON, John Howard

P.1 #3 John Howard LAWSON, who has since started serving a prison term for contempt of Congress, attended the meeting...and was heartened by what took place. He stated that he and his fellow convictees (CP leader Eugene Dennis, the "Hollywood Ten", members of exec board of Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, etc.), as a result of the meeting expected to "get out of prison long before our terms expire."

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(All documents listed below are cross-referenced to 201-5603)

FBI doc.

19 Jan. '50

RE: Communist Party, USA

FBI doc.

14 June '49

RE: Mandy Lawson

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Station number of document : OGC  
 Date of document : 9 Jun 49  
 Title of document : 6 Communist Activities Among Aliens and National Groups  
 Document to be filed in : 100-4-10-326y  
 Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

## Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Testimony of Louis Francis Budenz, Westwood, N.J.

P.242 Encl. 1. Index

In regard to Spain, though, the question was asked as to the party's attitude on Spain, and there you may be interested to know that the moving picture Blockade was written by John Howard LAWSON under order of the political committee of the Communist party. He was the author of that production and he is one of the most noted Communists of that group of writers. So that gives the attitude on Spain, which was to employ "democratic" propaganda for the achievement of a Red Spain.

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Station number of document : U.S.

Date of document : 5 Nov 45

Title of document : \_\_\_\_\_

Document to be filed in : 100-4-23-1 T/S CI 4-20000

Cross-reference form to be filed in : 201-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

John Howard Lawson

Top secret document P.25-F. in Top secret room

RI CROSS-REFERENCE FORM

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Station number of document : FBI

Date of document : No Date

Title of document : \_\_\_\_\_

Document to be filed in : 100-4-2-y T/S CIA-39000

Cross-reference form to be filed in : 01-5603-NS

Excerpt of pertinent information :

LAWSON, John Howard

Top Secret document filed in Top Secret Room.

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